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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Russell's Supply
December 3, 2008
SB 08/09 Bill Number 30
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Whereas, the last three ASUM's have spoken out in support of
worker rights at Grizgear factories throughout the world;

Whereas, UM's vendor code of conduct also expresses a desire for
workers producing UM apparel to be treated fairly; Whereas,
Russell Corporation recently announced the closure of its
Choloma-based factory, Jerzees de Honduras, which produces UM
apparel;

Whereas, there is strong evidence that the closure is motivated
by anti-union sentiment;

Whereas, the closure is devastating for the 1,800 factory
workers and their families;

Whereas, it further sends the message throughout both Russell's
supply chain and the rest of the university logo apparel sector
in Honduras that workers' attempts to strive for better
conditions are more than just futile; they are dangerously
counterproductive;

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that ASUM encourages the Office of
the President of the University of Montana to place pressure, up
to and including the loss of UM business, upon Russell
Corporation until it agrees to re-open the factory at full
capacity and fully reinstate all union and non-union employees.

Passed by Committee: _____, 2008

Passed by Senate: _____, 2008